

## Gabriel's Success Story

Gabe and his wife, Alex, moved to Washington, D.C. from Kansas City, Missouri in 2012. While Gabe has Down Syndrome and Alex has Cerebral Palsy, neither of them let that slow or stop them for pursuing their dreams. They never saw their disabilities as a deficit and as young adults Gabe and Alex have already accomplished so much. They live in a sky rise apartment close to Downtown D.C.

Gabe has several jobs that all are in pursuit of his goals in life. He is working as a bagger at Harris Teeter Supermarket. He loves making his own money, working with customers and being a part of the Harris Teeter family. Gabe's hard work and great customer service was recognized in August 2017 when he was named employee of the month. Gabe is also an actor and is actively involved in Community Theater.

In addition to being a loving husband and hard worker, Gabe is also a passion advocate for people with disabilities. Gabe is a board member of the self-advocacy coalition, Project ACTION! He graduated from self-advocate leadership training and has testified at several council hearings and presented at numerous

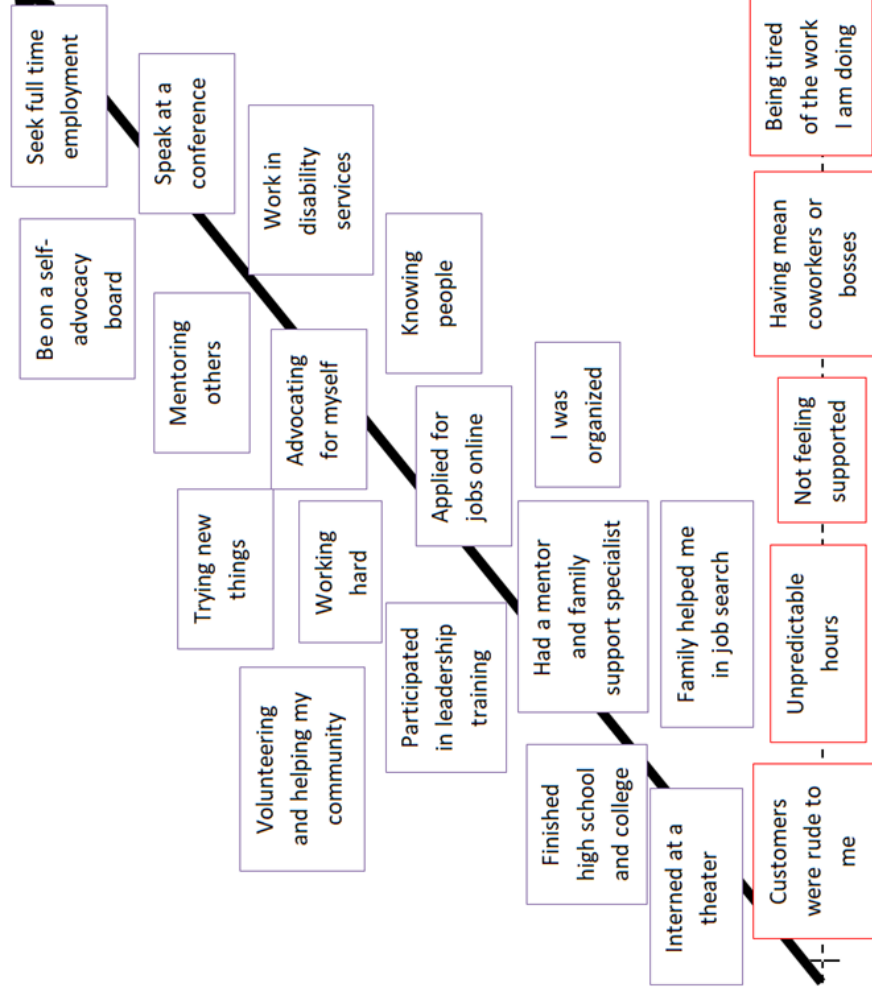
conferences. Gabe and his wife love going to the movies, concerts, and plays. They have traveled all over the United States visiting friends and family and seeing new things.



# CHARTING the life course

## Employment Trajectory: Gabriel Savage

"My objective is to contribute to the community through employment and advocacy."



### VISION for employment/work life

- Opportunities for good, competitive employment
- Having coworkers who are respectful and caring
- More work hours when I ask for them
- Constant and consistent employment (full time)
- Being able to share my experience with others
- Having a job that helps people
- Friendly, smiling people
- People listen when I talk to them
- People help and support me when I ask
- Independence
- Broadway Star or Actor
- Be a Public Speaker

### What I DON'T want

- Slow paced job
- Low paying job
- Working with impolite people or customers
- People being on my back all the time and not thinking I can do the job
- Working with people who do not like their job
- Laziness from myself or from others
- To get to tried at your job